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SUBJECT: STATUS OF KIEV BUILDINGS

1. SUMMARY: KAP OFFICERS HAVE MADE REGULAR VISITS TO GORKIY AND STRELETSKAYA PROJECT SITES. WORK HAS STARTED ANEW AT GORKIY. STRELETSKAYA REMAINS DORMANT. END SUMMARY.

2. GORKIY: ON SEPT 15, ERECTION OF A GIANT MOVABLE CONSTRUCTION CRANE BEHIND THE GOCRIY SITE HAD BEEN COMPLETED, BUT THE CRANE HAD NOT BEEN USED. ON SEPT 22 THE CRANE WAS IN USE AND WOODEN BUILDING BEAMS WERE BEING PULLED OUT. THERE WERE THREE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND A CRANE OPERATOR WORKING. NO CRANE HAS YET BEEN PLACED ON THE STREET.

3. KAP OFFICERS WERE TOLD BY A SOVIET CITIZEN WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR TO THE SITE THAT THE REAR CRANE HAD BEEN IN OPERATION ABOUT A WEEK; NO WORK IS DONE ON
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SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

4. A PILE OF SOME 30 LARGE WOODEN BEAMS IN THE REAR COURTYARD AND THE ABSENCE OF A CEILING OVER THE CENTRAL PART OF THE FIRST FLOOR WAS EVIDENCE THAT SOME WORK HAD BEEN DONE. ONLY THREE ROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR STILL HAD A CEILING. OTHERWISE THE FIRST FLOOR IS OPEN

TO THE SKY. THERE WAS ALSO A LARGE PILE OF NEW BRICKS
IN THE COURTYEARD BEHIND GORKIY, THEIR PURPOSE UNKNOWN
TO THE WORKERS.

5. ON SEPT 27 WORK WAS PROGRESSING, ALBEIT SLOWLY. SEVERAL
MORE BEAMS HAD BEEN REMOVED AND THERE WAS ALSO A LARGE
PILE OF WOOD NEXT TO THE BUILDING. EVIDENTLY, THE WOOD
CAME FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING.

6. STRELETSKAYA: ON A SEPT 15 VISIT TO THE STRELETSKAYA
PROJECT SITE THERE WAS NO SIGN OF EITHER WORKERS OR VERY
RECENT WORK ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, TWO PEOPLE WERE MOVING
OUT OF A BUILDING DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET. WHEN QUES-
TIONED, THE SOVIETS SAID THAT THEY HAD TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE
THEIR BUILDING WAS GOING TO BE RENOVATED. THEY ADDED THAT
THEY DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE BACK IN.
THEY ALSO STATED THAT THEY WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO MOVE OUT OF
THE BUILDING.

7. ON SEPT 23 AND 27 STRELETSKAYA WAS LIKEWISE WITHOUT
ACTIVITY. SCAFFOLDING PUT UP IN AUGUST AROUND
STRELETSKAYA #16 UP TO THE SECOND STORY REMAINED INCOM-
PLETE AND UNCHANGED.
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